

**FORMER WALKER AIR FORCE BASE
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
ENMU – ROSWELL, CAMPUS UNION BUILDING
16 October 2003**

RAB Members Present:

Citizen Representatives

Eva Gomez	Citizen
Kay C. Havenor	Geologist, Co-Chair
Kerry Hunter	Citizen
LeRoy Lang	NM Farm Bureau
Ethel Logan	Citizen
Anita Logan	Citizen
Bill Corn	Citizen

Government/Regulatory Representatives

Ron Courts	City of Roswell
David Henry	USACE, Project Geologist, Co-Chair
Julie Jacobs	NM Environment Department

RAB Members Absent:

Citizen Representatives

Dick Smith	Citizen
Darryl Ward	ENMU-Roswell

Government/Regulatory

Kathleen Aisling	EPA
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Guests Present:

Eileen McBride	Sacramento District, USACE
Jerry Vincent	Sacramento District, USACE
Gene Barber	Senior Staff Consultant Tech Law

Facilitator:

Jim Morris	Tecumseh Professional Associates
Lauretta Dozier	Note Taker

MEETING SUMMARY – OCTOBER 16, 2003

The RAB meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 pm, with welcoming comments and introductions of all persons present.

It was declared that a quorum (5 of 7 members) was present. Kerry Hunter had indicated at the July meeting that he wished to resign from the RAB, but agreed to attend the October meeting to insure a quorum.

The minutes of the meetings of January 16, April 17, and July 17, 2003 were approved as corrected and will be posted on the website.

Co-Chair Announcements

Kay Havenor indicated that the web site had been updated and looked good.

David Henry and Jim Morris reported that the RAB Newsletter had been passed out at the last meeting, and asked for comments from RAB members. There being no comments, the newsletter will be completed and mailed to parties on the mailing list. Copies of the old mailing list were passed out to RAB members for their review, and Jim asked that they give him any additions or corrections within the next week or two.

Ron Court asked if there could be a link from the RAB website to the City of Roswell website and from the City to the RAB site. David indicated that the link on the RAB website would be done this quarter, but that Ron would have to get someone at the City to implement the link on the City's site. Kay Havenor noted that the link would allow the City Commissioners access to the newsletter and other RAB information.

The RAB passed a motion to approve the newsletter for distribution.

Open Discussion/Open Forum

There were no topics brought to the RAB by members of the public.

Corps of Engineers Update

General

David Henry did not have the usual handout for the RAB. He will provide an update handout at the next meeting which will summarize data for a six month period.

The Corps' contractor is mobilizing to do the groundwater monitoring and investigation of the hospital debris landfill. Work will start on the next Monday. The groundwater sampling and installation of a couple of wells at the hospital debris landfill will take about four weeks. By the next RAB meeting, there may be a draft report relative to those investigations.

The Corps met with the New Mexico Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau (formerly the UST Bureau) this morning, to review status of UST sites. Every tank in the current project has been removed, and that project should be closed out by the end of next year.

Data Gaps Analysis

Work is progressing on the data gaps analysis. The work plan for next year will be finalized after the data gaps analysis is completed. There should be a draft of the data gaps analysis in December.

Jerry Vincent reported that the data gaps analysis is finding a lot more information than what was originally anticipated, and is behind the original schedule. The internal copy of the analysis should be ready for review by the end of November. It should be ready for regulatory and RAB review in the first part of December. The Corps would like to get comments back by the end of December, so that the work plan can be developed for the coming year.

The Corps is anticipating doing more groundwater sampling and investigations as a part of the TCE project.

The Corps will have discussions with Ron Court and Julie Jacobs relative to shutting down the existing treatment system that is currently operating. This is the end of the five year study. Shutting down the plant will let the groundwater rebound, and may result in more representative groundwater level measurements and TCE concentrations. This summer, investigations will continue and modeling will be revised using data from the last decade as well as from the latest round of sampling. This will allow the Corps to meet with Julie Jacobs and propose a plan for future activity that is both cost effective and provides for better management of the project.

Julie Jacobs indicated that she realizes the treatment system is not working effectively, and does not anticipate a problem with shutting the system down. The Corps would like to shut the system down now.

Other

In response to a question, David Henry indicated that he does not see any significant changes in TCE concentration, other than seasonal fluctuations seen at each well.

David also reported that quarterly reports indicate that the groundwater level is continuing to drop.

In response to a question, Jerry Vincent reported that his schedule for the data gaps analysis is to get the copy out for regulatory and RAB review in time to get comments back by the end of December, and a final copy out by the January meeting. The strategy for future work will then be worked out in meetings with NMED and the City.

State of New Mexico Update

Julie Jacobs has reviewed the plan submitted by the Corps for the hospital debris landfill and base-wide groundwater sampling, made comments, and received the final version of the report today.

The quarterly monitoring report doesn't indicate any significant variations other than seasonal trends.

Walker Air Force Base was the supporting facility for 12 Atlas missile sites. Julie doesn't know if the support activities on base will be a concern.

Every six months, the State submits a report of activities under the Defense State Memorandum of Agreement. The Department of Defense gives the State money to expedite review documents and site cleanup. Interested parties can get a hard copy or obtain one at www.denix.mil. Julie offered to assist anyone interested and they can contact her at (505) 428-2554.

Jerry Vincent added that there is a wealth of information available at the denix website, including:

- FUDS GIS link
- Annual Report to Congress relative to all FUD sites
- Information on FUD sites listed by state.

Only sites funded by Congress are listed on the site. It lists sites with over three projects or one million dollars in clean up costs.

David Henry said we will put a link to denix on the RAB website.

Julie Jacobs had meetings with David Henry to plan funding for Walker for the next two years, and taking a broader look at the next six years.

New Business

RAB Membership

Anita Logan and Bill Corn were voted in as new members of the RAB.

The Board thanked Kerry Hunter for his active participation in the RAB and accepted his resignation effective at the end of this meeting.

Mailing List

Jim Morris asked that he receive revisions and corrections to the mailing list within the next couple of weeks, so that the newsletter can be mailed.

Meeting Frequency

David Henry mentioned that at previous meetings, there had been discussions relative to the frequency of RAB meetings. Since there was not a quorum present at those meetings, no action had been taken.

Kay Havenor felt that at the present time, with everything going on, meetings should remain quarterly. It was decided to make the meeting dates more flexible. It was generally agreed that there should be a minimum of one meeting per year, with the frequency of additional meetings to be determined by activity on the projects and the need for RAB input. Special meetings could also be called on an as-needed basis.

Jim Morris was instructed to prepare a draft amendment to the RAB Operating Rules, for distribution to the RAB members in advance, so that a revision could be acted upon at the next meeting.

Action Items

Action Items from Previous Meeting

The following was reported relative to action items from the last meeting:

- Web Site – the web site was revised.
- More Contact with Members Prior to the Meetings – there were two or three e-mails and mailings reminding members of the next meeting date, as well as a telephone call during the week prior to the meeting. The RAB members expressed concurrence with the process.

Action Items from This Meeting

- Addition of links for City of Roswell and denix to the RAB website.
- Draft charter (Operation Rules) amendment prepared and distributed to RAB members.
- Mailing of the Newsletter.
- Julie Jacobs will get in contact with Kathleen Aisling to determine who will be her replacement on the RAB.

Next Meeting Date and Time

Due to schedule conflicts, the RAB elected to have the next meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 13, 2003, at the same location.

The meeting was adjourned 8:10 p.m.